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- STATEMENT

FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT ON LEBANON DELIVERED BY AMBASSADOR
ANDREW YOUNG IN THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL MARCH 18.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETS TODAY AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF
TRAGEDY BUT WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE

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ROLE IN RESTORING SECURITY AND STABILITY IN THE VIOLENCE-TORN SOUTHERN PART OF LEBANON.

THE AIM OF THIS COUNCIL MUST NOW BE TO END AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE THIS NEW CYCLE OF VIOLENCE, AND TO DEAL WITH SOME OF THE IMMEDIATE UNDERLYING CAUSES. THE ONLY REAL SOLUTION LIES IN A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT OF ALL MIDDLE EAST ISSUES. AT THE MOMENT HOWEVER, OUR EFFORTS MUST BE FOCUSED ON REMOVING THE SOURCES OF FRICTION AND INSTABILITY IN SOUTHERN LEBANON.

THE UNITED STATES APPROACHES THIS DEBATE, AND THE ACTION WHICH WE HOPE WILL STEM FROM IT, WITH THREE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES IN MIND:

- 1. WE EXPECT ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW FROM SOUTHERN LEBANON, AND WE HAVE MADE OUR VIEWS IN THIS RESPECT KNOWN TO THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT.

- 2. THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF LEBANON MUST BE FULLY RESPECTED.

- 3. THE UNITED NATIONS HAS A VITAL ROLE TO PLAY IN ASSISTING THE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON TO RESTORE IN SOUTHERN LEBANON CONDITIONS THAT WILL FACILITATE THE REESTABLISHMENT OF ITS AUTHORITY AND PROVIDE A RETURN TO SECURITY
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AND A PEACEFUL LIFE FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE SOUTH.

OUR CONSULTATIONS IN THE PAST TWO DAYS LEAD US TO BELIEVE THAT MOST COUNCIL MEMBERS SHARE OUR PERCEPTION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE PRINCIPLES. OUR VIEW IS THAT A UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATION IS NEEDED THAT WOULD HAVE TWO PRIMARY FUNCTIONS: FIRST, THE UN WOULD HAVE RESPONSIBILITY TO ESTABLISH AND PROVIDE SECURITY IN THE SOUTHERN BORDER REGION OF LEBANON; AND SECOND, IT WOULD ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON IN PROMPTLY REESTABLISHING ITS AUTHORITY IN THAT AREA AND, ONCE ESTABLISHED, RELINQUISH ITS RESPONSIBILITIES TO LEBANON.

WE BELIEVE ALL MEMBERS OF THIS COUNCIL WISH TO PREVENT FURTHER ESCALATION OF VIOLENCE AND THEREBY TO FACILITATE A RETURN TO PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THIS COUNCIL WILL AGREE THAT A TEMPORARY UN PRESENCE IN SOUTHERN LEBANON, REMAINING ONLY UNTIL THE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON CAN EXERCISE FULL AUTHORITY, WILL HELP TO FULFILL THE FIRST PURPOSE OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER, THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY.

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MR. PRESIDENT, IN ORDER TO GIVE CONCRETE EXPRESSION TO THE PRINCIPLES THAT I HAVE JUST OUTLINED, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION BY THIS COUNCIL. THAT RESOLUTION, IN ITS FIRST OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH, CALLS FOR STRICT RESPECT FOR THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, SOVEREIGNTY AND POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE OF LEBANON. MAY I SAY, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT THE STATEMENTS MADE IN THIS CHAMBER LEAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE PRESERVATION OF LEBANESE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY IS THE COUNCIL'S PRI-MARY GOAL IN THIS DEBATE. THAT GOAL IS MADE EXPLICIT IN THE THIRD OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH OF THE RESOLUTION SPONSORED

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BY MY GOVERNMENT. THAT PARAGRAPH DESCRIBES THE PURPOSE OF A UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING FORCE AS "CONFIRMING THE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES, RESTORING INTERNATIONAL
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PEACE AND SECURITY AND ASSISTING THE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON IN ENSURING THE RETURN OF ITS EFFECTIVE AUTHORITY IN THE AREA." THE SECOND OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH CALLS ON THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL IMMEDIATELY TO CEASE ITS MILITARY ACTION AGAINST LEBANESE TERRITORY AND WITHDRAW ITS FORCES FROM LEBANESE TERRITORY. IMMEDIATE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL IS, IN MY GOVERNMENT'S VIEW, ONE OF THE KEY CONDITIONS TO

RESTORING FULL POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY TO LEBANON. THE THIRD OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH DECIDES TO SET UP IMMEDIATELY A UNITED NATIONS FORCE FOR SOUTHERN LEBANON. SUCH A FORCE SHOULD, IN MY GOVERNMENT'S VIEW, BE OF TEMPORARY DURATION. IT SHOULD RESTORE PEACE AND SECURITY TO THE AREA AND TRANSFER EFFECTIVE AUTHORITY TO THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT. WHEN THAT IS DONE, THE OBJECTIVES ESTABLISHED BY THIS RESOLUTION WILL
HAVE BEEN FULLY ACHIEVED AND, WE FULLY EXPECT, THE CAUSE OF PEACE AND JUSTICE IN THE MIDDLE EAST SUBSTANTIALLY ADVANCED.

WE HAVE CONSULTED WIDELY ON THIS RESOLUTION AND HAVE TRIED TO MEET MOST OF THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED. THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOVIET UNION HAS SUGGESTED THE INCLUSION OF A REFERENCE TO A TIME-FRAME FOR THE UN INTERIM FORCE REFERRED TO IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH THREE. IT IS OUR VIEW AND EXPECTATION THAT IN KEEPING WITH PAST PRACTICE ANY TIME-FRAME THE COUNCIL MAY DECIDE UPON WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE COUNCIL'S ACTION ON THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH FOUR. YOUNG

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